

A program of the Natural Resource Information System, Montana State Library

## Montana Animal

## Species of Concern

October 2008

#### Introduction

This report is produced jointly by the Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (MFWP). Montana Animal Species of Concern are native Montana animals that are considered to be "at risk" due to declining population trends, threats to their habitats, and/or restricted distribution. Also included in this report are Potential Animal Species of Concern -- animals for which current, often limited, information suggests potential vulnerability or for which additional data are needed before an accurate status assessment can be made. Designation as a Montana Animal Species of Concern or Potential Animal Species of Concern is not a statutory or regulatory classification. Instead, these designations provide a basis for resource managers and decision-makers to make proactive decisions regarding species conservation and data collection priorities.

Status determinations are made by MTNHP and MFWP biologists in consultation with representatives of the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and other experts. The process for evaluating and assigning status designations uses the Natural Heritage Program ranking system, described below, which forms the basis for identifying Montana Species of Concern.

#### UPDATES IN THIS REPORT

This report identifies 128 vertebrate and 81 invertebrate Species of Concern (SOC). Another 34 vertebrates and 52 invertebrates are identified as Potential Species of Concern (PSOC). See the animal group summary table below for totals by animal group. Four species included on the 2006

SOC and PSOC report have been dropped entirely from this report as a result of recent surveys which found them to be more abundant than previously documented; Eight-spotted Skimmer (Libellula forensis), Twelve-spotted Skimmer (Libellula pulchella), Common Whitetail (Plathemis lydia), and River Jewelwing (Calopteryx aequabilis). For similar reasons, the Northern Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis) and an agapetus caddisfly (Agapetus montanus) have been downgraded from SOC to PSOC status. The Pilose Crayfish (Pacifastacus gambelii) has been dropped from SOC status because it has not been found despite recent exhaustive surveys. It is presumed extirpated as a result of competition with introduced crayfish. It joins the Greater Prairie-chicken (Tympanuchus cupido), Passenger Pigeon (Ectopistes migratorius), Woodland Caribou (Rangifer tarandus), and Rocky Mountain Locust (Melanoplus spretus) as species with breeding populations that have been extirpated from Montana within the last 200 years. Six vertebrate species were added as new Species of Concern based on declining population trends and/or ongoing threats to habitats that are likely to lead to population declines; Hoary Bat (Lasiurus cinereus), Clark's Grebe (Aechmophorus clarkii), American Bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus), Pinyon Jay (Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus), Clark's Nutcracker (Nucifraga columbiana), and Cassin's Finch (Carpodacus cassinii). Ten invertebrate species were added as Species of Concern (1 mayfly, 1 stonefly, 5 caddisflies, 2 slugs, and 1 freshwater mussel) based on recent documentation of rarity, endemism, or declines. Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) and Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus) are new to the PSOC report due to uncertainty about their population status in the face of a number of threats. Three caddisfly species

# Species Totals by Animal Group Species of Concern

Mammals	30
Birds	64
Reptiles	9
Amphibians	
Fish	19
Invertebrates	81
<b>Potential Species of Concern</b>	
Mammals	7
Birds	
Fish	8
I	

#### HABITAT ASSOCIATION SUMMARY FOR ALL SPECIES OF CONCERN AND POTENTIAL SPECIES OF CONCERN

27%
21%
14%
13%
6%
6%
5%
5%
3%

were also added as PSOC based on recent documentation of rarity and/or restricted distribution. The large number of invertebrate additions to this report resulted from a thorough review of the scientific literature, collection records, and recent systematic surveys for these invertebrate groups. Other invertebrate groups (e.g., earthworms, centipedes, spiders) deserve similar attention, but due to the amount of time required, systematic reviews of the status of these groups will have to be dealt with in future updates.

In addition to these deletions and additions, global or state ranks were downgraded (decreased risk) for 14 species and upgraded (increased risk) for 3 species that remained on the SOC and PSOC report. Global ranks for Blacktailed Prairie Dog (Cynomys ludovicianus), Pallid Sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus), and 3 mayflies were downgraded as a result of a better understanding of their global status or success with conservation measures. The global rank of the Gray Comma (Polygonia progne) was upgraded from G5 to G4G5 in order to reflect greater uncertainty about their global status. State ranks for Ferruginous Hawk (Buteo regalis), Le Conte's Sparrow (Ammodramus leconteii), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Ammodramus nelsoni), Idaho Giant Salamander (Dicamptodon aterrimus), and 5 terrestrial mollusk species were downgraded as a result of recent surveys which found them to be more abundant than previously documented. State rank for Greater Sage-Grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus) was upgraded because populations are facing increased threats from disease and habitat loss. State rank for Marbled Jumpingslug (Hemphilia danielsi) was upgraded because recent surveys indicate they are less common than we previously understood them to be.

In order to make this report more useful, we have added habitat associations for each species. Tables on the front and back pages summarize the percentage of SOC and PSOC animals that depend on major habitat types to assist managers in conserving habitats, rather than individual species.

This report also includes notes on species' ranges. Species with a range note of "!" have  $\geq 20\%$  of their current global breeding range in Montana, making their conservation in Montana is of global significance. Species with a range note of "\*" have a limited breeding distribution in Montana ( $\leq 5\%$  of the state), making conservation efforts in the areas where they do occur more important to their conservation within Montana.

#### HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS

The international network of Natural Heritage Programs employs a standardized ranking system to denote global and state status. Each species is given a global (G) rank, denoting range-wide status, and a state (S) rank for its status in Montana. Status ranks range from 1 (greatest concern) to 5 (least concern). Global ranks are assigned by scientists

at NatureServe (the international affiliate organization for the heritage network) in consultation with biologists in the natural heritage programs and other taxonomic experts. State ranks are determined jointly by MTNHP and MFWP biologists, in consultation with the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society, the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and other experts.

Among other things, the combination of global and state ranks often helps describe the proportion of a species' range and/or total population occurring in Montana. For instance, a rank of G3 S3 often indicates that Montana comprises most or a very significant portion of an animal's total population. In contrast, an animal ranked G5 S1 often occurs in Montana at the periphery of its much larger range; thus, the state supports a relatively small portion of its total population.

#### What Species are Included in this Report

Montana Species of Concern are defined as vertebrate animals with a state rank of S1, S2, or S3. Vertebrate species with a rank indicating uncertainty (SU) or a "range rank" extending below the S3 cutoff (e.g., S3S4) are considered Potential Species of Concern.

Because documentation for invertebrates is typically less complete than for vertebrates, only those ranked S1 or S2 are included as SOC. Invertebrates with a range rank extending below S2 (e.g., S2S3) are included as SOC only if their global ranks are G2G3 or G3, or if experts agree their occurrence in Montana has been adequately documented. Other invertebrates of concern with global ranks other than G1, G2, or G3 and with state ranks below S2 or range ranks extending below S2 (e.g., S3S4) are treated as Potential Species of Concern.

#### How Species are Ranked

In 2004 we began implementing a more rigorous methodology with more consistent and quantifiable criteria to assign status ranks. The goal is to improve the accuracy of ranks and better document the basis for each rank. A more rigorous and well-documented ranking procedure is important to a variety of agencies with responsibilities to manage wildlife populations.

This approach to assessing species' status is based on methods developed by NatureServe (Regan et al. 2004). These criteria include population size, area of occupancy in Montana, short and long-term trends, threats, inherent vulnerability, and specificity to environment. Based on these factors, a preliminary rank is calculated and is reviewed by key experts.

It is important to note that while the ranking process has changed, the definitions and the fundamental criteria remain the same. The principle difference is that criteria are now being applied in a more rigorous and consistent manner.

Detailed documentation of the criteria and assessment process are available on the MTNHP website at <a href="http://mtnhp.org/animal/2004\_SOC\_Criteria.pdf">http://mtnhp.org/animal/2004\_SOC\_Criteria.pdf</a>.

#### Definitions of Ranks used in this Report

- G1 / S1 At high risk because of extremely limited and/or rapidly declining numbers, range, and/or habitat, making it highly vulnerable to global extinction or extirpation in the state.
- G2 / S2 At risk because of very limited and/or declining numbers, range, and/or habitat, making it vulnerable to global extinction or extirpation in the state.
- G3 / S3 Potentially at risk because of limited and/or declining numbers, range, and/or habitat, even though it may be abundant in some areas.
- G4 / S4 Uncommon but not rare (although it may be rare in parts of its range), and usually widespread.

  Apparently not vulnerable in most of its range, but possibly cause for long-term concern.
- G5 / S5 Common, widespread, and abundant (although it may be rare in parts of its range). Not vulnerable in most of its range.
- GU / SU Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.
- GH / SH Historically occurred; may be rediscovered.
- GX / SX Presumed to be extinct or extirpated from Montana; historical records only.

#### Other codes and rank modifiers:

- B State rank modifier indicating breeding for a migratory species: B = Breeding
- HYB A global rank denoting a hybrid.
- M A state rank modifier indicating migratory stop over status for a species.
- N A state rank modifier referring to a non-breeding population of the species. N = Non-breeding
- Q A global rank modifier indicating there are taxonomic questions or problems.
- T Denotes the rank for a subspecific taxon (subspecies or population); appended to the global rank for the full species. The S Rank following applies to the subspecific taxon.

- ! A range note indicating the species' current breeding range in Montana is ≥20% of their current global breeding range, making their conservation in Montana of global significance.
- \* A range note indicating the species has a limited breeding distribution in Montana (≤5% of the state), making conservation efforts in the areas where they do occur more important to their conservation within Montana.

#### HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

Species are listed alphabetically by common name within major groups, which are organized in taxonomic order from mammals to invertebrates. Species with names **bolded** and **underlined** are new additions to the Species of Concern or Potential Species of Concern report. Species downgraded from Concern to Potential Concern are not shown as new. Global or state ranks are **bolded** and **underlined** if they have changed from the previous report.

Current federal agency status designations are also provided, including legal status under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, and administrative designations of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Conservation and inventory status of species in Montana's Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Conservation Strategy (MFWP 2005) are also provided.

#### Federal Status Designations

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

This column indicates status under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 based on categories defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (16 U.S.C.A. §1531-1543 (Supp. 1996)).

- E Listed Endangered
- T Listed Threatened
- PE Proposed Endangered
- PT Proposed Threatened
- XN Experimental Nonessential
- C Candidate (species for which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose listing as threatened or endangered)
- DM Recovered, delisted, and now being monitored

#### FOREST SERVICE

The U.S. Forest Service Manual (2670.22) defines Sensitive species on Forest Service lands as those for which population viability is a concern as evidenced by significant downward trend in population or a significant downward trend in habitat capacity. The Regional Forester (Northern Region) designates Sensitive species on National Forests in Montana. These designations were last updated in 2004 and they apply only on USFS-administered lands.

Note: The U.S. Forest Service is implementing new planning regulations (2005) which will lead to changes in the identification of "special status" species on National Forest lands. For the time being, Sensitive species will continue to be recognized for Region 1 under existing agency policy, but in addition many of the newly revised Forest Plans may also identify USFS Species of Concern and USFS Species of Interest as outlined below. During this transition period, a "USFS" designation in the federal status column refers to the status under the existing Sensitive Species policy.

<u>USFS Species-of-Concern</u> (FSH 1909.12, 43.22b) are species for which the Responsible Official determines management actions may be necessary to prevent listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Responsible Official, as appropriate, may identify the following plant and animal species, including macro-lichens, as species-of-concern:

- 1. Species identified as proposed and candidate species under the ESA.
- 2. Species with ranks of G1 through G3 on the NatureServe ranking system.
- 3. Infraspecific (subspecific) taxa with ranks of T1 through T3 on the NatureServe ranking system.
- 4. Species that have been petitioned for federal listing and for which a positive "90-day finding" has been made (a 90-day finding is a preliminary finding that substantive information was provided indicating that the petition listing may be warranted and a full status review will be conducted).
- 5. Species that have been recently delisted (these include species delisted within the past five years and other delisted species for which regulatory agency monitoring is still considered necessary).

<u>USFS Species-of-Interest</u> (FSH 1909.12, 43.22c) are species for which the Responsible Official determines that management actions may be necessary or desirable to achieve ecological or other multiple-use objectives. The Responsible Official may review the following sources for potential species-of-interest:

- 1. Species with ranks of S1, S2, N1, or N2 on the NatureServe ranking system.
- 2. State listed threatened and endangered species that do not meet the criteria as species-of-concern.
- 3. Species identified as species of conservation concern in State Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies.
- 4. Bird species on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Birds of Conservation Concern National Priority list (for the U.S. portion of the northern Rockies that occur on National Forest system lands).
- Additional species that valid existing information indicates are of regional or local conservation concern (this includes all Forest Service Northern

Region sensitive species) due to factors that may include:

- a. Significant threats to populations or habitat
- b. Declining trends in populations or habitat.
- c. Rarity
- d. Restricted ranges (for example, narrow endemics, disjunct populations, or species at the edge of their range).
- 6. Species that are hunted or fished and other species of public interest. Invasive species may also be considered.

#### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

BLM Sensitive Species are defined by the BLM 6840 Manual as those that normally occur on Bureau administered lands for which BLM has the capability to significantly affect the conservation status of the species through management. Such species should be managed to the level of protection required by State laws or under the BLM policy for candidate species, whichever would provide better opportunity for its conservation. The State Director may designate additional categories of special status species as appropriate and applicable to his or her state's needs. The sensitive species designation, for species other than federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, may include such native species as those that:

- 1. could become endangered in or extirpated from a state, or within a significant portion of its distribution in the foreseeable future,
- 2. are under status review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or National Marine Fisheries Service.
- 3. are undergoing significant current or predicted downward trends in habitat capability that would reduce a species' existing distribution,
- 4. are undergoing significant current or predicted downward trends in population or density such that federally listed, proposed, candidate, or State listed status may become necessary,
- 5. have typically small and widely dispersed populations,
- 6. are inhabiting ecological refugia, specialized or unique habitats, or
- 7. are State listed but which may be better conserved through application of BLM sensitive species status.

#### MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS CFWCS TIER

Montana's Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Conservation Strategy (MFWP 2005) identifies fish and wildlife species that are in greatest need of conservation as follows:

Tier I: Greatest conservation need. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks has a clear obligation to use its resources to implement conservation actions that provide direct benefit to these species, communities, and focus areas.

- Tier II: Moderate conservation need. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks could use its resources to implement conservation actions that provide direct benefit to these species, communities, and focus areas.
- Tier III: Lower conservation need. Although important to Montana's wildlife diversity, these species, communities, and focus areas are either abundant and widespread or are believed to have adequate conservation already in place.
- Tier IV: Species that are non-native, incidental, or on the periphery of their range and are either expanding or very common in adjacent states.

The Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Conservation Strategy (MFWP 2005) also identifies individual species and taxonomic groups that are in need of inventory.

Each species' conservation and inventory tiering status is indicated in roman numerals before and after a dash, respectively.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Our internet-based *Montana Field Guide* provides information on over 700 vertebrate and 1,100 invertebrate animal species, including Species of Concern and Potential Species of Concern. The Field Guide offers a broad range of information, including species identification, range, habitat, reproduction, food habits, ecology, management, and references. For many Species of Concern, the Field Guide provides extensive detailed information from the databases of MTNHP. For other species, we are still in the process of compiling such information. Photos and call recordings are provided where available. The Field Guide can be accessed at <a href="http://fieldguide.mt.gov/">http://fieldguide.mt.gov/</a> or through the Natural Heritage Program or Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks home pages.

Information on the over 710,000 animal observations in the Montana Natural Heritage Program's statewide databases can be accessed in the context of various statewide map layers via the Natural Heritage Program's *TRACKER* website at: <a href="http://nhp.nris.state.mt.us/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx">http://nhp.nris.state.mt.us/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx</a> We also encourage the submission of new animal observations via this website.

The NatureServe Explorer website provides information on the status of species throughout North America. It can be found at <a href="http://natureserve.org/explorer">http://natureserve.org/explorer</a> or from a link on the MTNHP website. This application includes status maps showing the state/provincial ranks across each species' range, assembled from the network of natural heritage programs. Note that updated ranks for Montana animals will not be immediately reflected in NatureServe Explorer since this information is only exchanged on an annual basis.

More detailed data on the occurrence of Montana Species of Concern are available on request from MTNHP, using

the "Request Data" link on the website or by contacting appropriate staff.

This report is available in printable electronic format on the MTNHP website under "Reports." Hard copies are available on request from MTNHP or from MFWP (see contact information on back cover).

#### Comments and Feedback

We welcome comments and suggestions, including recommendations for changes in species' status and new observation data. All comments and information should be directed to the MTNHP Senior Zoologist, Bryce Maxell, at bmaxell@mt.gov or at the address below. Please submit animal observations via the TRACKER website at: <a href="http://nhp.nris.state.mt.us/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx">http://nhp.nris.state.mt.us/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx</a>

#### SELECTED REFERENCES

- Abbott, J.C. 2006. Odonata Central: An online resource for the Odonata of North America. Austin, TX. (Accessed: October 13, 2008). <a href="http://www.odonatacentral.com">http://www.odonatacentral.com</a>
- Brown, C.J.D. 1971. Fishes of Montana. Bozeman, MT: Montana State University. 207 p.
- Flath, D.L. 1984. Vertebrate species of special interest or concern. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. 76 p.
- Flath, D.L. 1998. Species of special interest or concern. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. 7 p.
- Frest, T.J. and E.J. Johannes. 1995. Interior Columbia Basin mollusk species of special concern. Final report to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, Walla Walla, WA. 274 p. plus appendices.
- Foresman, K.R. 2001. The wild mammals of Montana. Special Publication No. 12. Lawrence, KS: The American Society of Mammalogists. 278 p.
- Hand, R.L. 1969. A distributional checklist of the birds of western Montana. 55 p. Unpublished manuscript available from the Montana State Library, Helena, MT 59620.
- Hendricks, P., B.A. Maxell, S. Lenard, C. Currier, and J. Johnson. 2006. Riparian bat surveys in eastern Montana. Report to the USDI Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program. 13 p. + appendices.
- Hendricks, P., B.A. Maxell, S. Lenard, and C. Currier. 2007. Land mollusk surveys on USFS Northern Region Lands: 2006. Report to the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program. 11 pp. + appendices.

- Hendricks, P., B.A. Maxell, S. Lenard, and C. Currier.
  2008. Surveys and predicted distribution models for land mollusks on USFS Northern Region Lands: 2007.
  Report to the USDA Forest Service, Northern Region.
  Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program. 12 pp. + appendices.
- Hoffman, R.L. 1999. Checklist of the millipeds of North and Middle America. Special Publication No. 8. Martinsville, VA: Virginia Museum of Natural History. 584 p.
- Hoffmann, R.S. and D.L. Pattie. 1968. A guide to Montana mammals. Missoula, MT: University of Montana Printing Services. 133 p.
- Holton, G.D., and H.E. Johnson. 2003. A field guide to Montana fishes. Third Edition. Helena, MT: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. 95 p.
- Kohler, S. 1980. Checklist of Montana butterflies (Rhopalocera). Journal of the Lepidopterists' Society 34(1):1-19.
- Lenard, S., J. Carlson, J. Ellis, C. Jones, and C. Tilly. 2003. P.D. Skaar's Montana bird distribution, Sixth edition. Helena, MT: Montana Audubon. 144 p.
- Lewis, J.J. 2001. Three new species of subterranean assellids from western North America, with a synopsis of the species of the region (Crustacea: Isopoda: Asellidae). Texas Memorial Museum, Speleological Monographs 5:1-15.
- Maxell, B.A., J.K. Werner, P. Hendricks, and D. Flath. 2003. Herpetology in Montana: a history, status summary, checklists, dichotomous keys, accounts for native, potentially native, and exotic species, and indexed bibliography. Olympia, WA: Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology. Northwest Fauna 5: 1-138.
- Miller, K.B. and D.L. Gustafson. 1996. Distribution records of the Odonata of Montana. Bulletin of American Odonatology 3(4):75-88.
- [Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks]. 2005. Montana's comprehensive fish and wildlife conservation strategy. Helena, MT: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. 658 p.
- Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. 2006. Montana animal Species of Concern. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks. 17 p.
- Opler, P.A., H. Pavulaan, R.E. Stanford, and M. Pogue (coordinators). 2006. Butterflies and moths of North America. Bozeman, MT: NBII Mountain Prairie Information Node. (Accessed October 13, 2008). <a href="http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/">http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/</a>
- Paulson, D.R., and D. Nunnallee. 2005. Range maps of western dragonflies. Tacoma, WA: Slater Museum of Natural History (Accessed: October 13, 2008). <a href="http://www.ups.edu/x7035.xml">http://www.ups.edu/x7035.xml</a>

- Regan, T.J., L.L. Master, and G.A. Hammerson. 2004. Capturing expert knowledge for threatened species assessments: a case study using NatureServe conservation status ranks. Acta Oecologica 26:95-107.
- Roemhild, G. 1975. The damselflies (Zygoptera) of Montana. Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Research Report 87. Bozeman, MT: Montana State University. 53 p.
- Saunders, A.A. 1921. A distributional list of the birds of Montana with notes on the migration and nesting of the better known species. Pacific Coast Avifauna Number 14. Berkeley, CA: Cooper Ornithological Club. 194 p.
- Stagliano, D.M. 2008. Freshwater mussels of Montana. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program. 20 p.
- Stagliano, D.M., G.M. Stephens, and W.R. Bosworth. 2007. Aquatic invertebrate Species of Concern on USFS Northern Region Lands. Report to USDA Forest Service, Northern Region. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program. 95 pp. + appendices.
- Thompson, L.S. 1982. Distribution of Montana amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. Helena, MT: Montana Audubon Council. 24 p.
- Wang, D., and J.R. Holsinger. 2001. Systematics of the subterranean amphipod genus *Stygobromus* (Crangonyctidae) in western North America, with emphasis on the hubbsi group. Amphipacifica 3:39-147
- Werner, J.K., B.A. Maxell, P. Hendricks, and D. Flath. 2004. Amphibians and reptiles of Montana. Missoula, MT: Mountain Press Publishing Company. 262 p.
- Westfall, M.J., Jr., and M.L. May. 1996. Damselflies of North America. Gainesville, FL: Scientific Publishers. 650 p.
- Westfall, M.J. Jr., and M.L. May. 2000. Dragonflies of North America, Revised Edition Gainesville, FL: Scientific Publishers. 940 p.
- Wright, P.L. 1996. Status of rare birds in Montana with comments on known hybrids. Northwest Naturalist 77(3):57-85.

#### Preferred Citation

Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. 2008. Montana Animal Species of Concern. Helena, MT: Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks. 17 p.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

MTNHP and MFWP staff work together on a daily basis to manage information used to evaluate the status of Montana's animal species. We extend our thanks to these individuals and professional biologists that study and conserve species across Montana. We also thank a number of private citizens that spend a great deal of their free time contributing valuable information to statewide databases so that species can be better understood and managed.

## Species of Concern

Vertebrates		Global	State	Federal	CFWCS	Range	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Status	Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Mammals							
American Bison (free-ranging herds)	Bos bison	G4	S2		I - III	*	grasslands
Arctic Shrew	Sorex arcticus	G5	S1S3		II - I	*	wetlands
Black-footed Ferret	Mustela nigripes	G1	S1	USFWS - E, XN	I - III	*	grasslands
Black-tailed Jack Rabbit	Lepus californicus	G5	S2		II - I	*	sagebrush/grasslands
Black-tailed Prairie Dog	Cynomys Iudovicianus	<u>G4</u>	S3	USFS, BLM	I - III		grasslands
Canada Lynx	Lynx canadensis	G5	S3	USFWS - T	I - III		subalpine conifer forests
Dwarf Shrew	Sorex nanus	G4	S2S3		II - II		rocky habitats
Eastern Red Bat	Lasiurus borealis	G5	S2S3		II - I		riparian cottonwoods
Fisher	Martes pennanti	G5	S3	USFS, BLM	II - II		mixed conifer forests
Fringed Myotis	Myotis thysanodes	G4G5	S3	BLM	II - II		riparian & dry mixed conifer forests
Gray Wolf	Canis lupus	G4	S3	USFWS - E (N), XN (S)	I - III		generalist
Great Basin Pocket Mouse	Perognathus parvus	G5	S2S3	USFS, BLM	I - II	*	sagebrush/grasslands
Grizzly Bear	Ursus arctos	G4	S2S3	USFWS - T (N), DM (S)	I - III		generalist
Hispid Pocket Mouse	Chaetodipus hispidus	G5	S1S3		II - I	*	grasslands
Hoary Bat	Lasiurus cinereus	G5	<u>S3</u>		II - II		riparian and forest habitats
Meadow Jumping Mouse	Zapus hudsonius	G5	S2	BLM	I - I		wetlands
Merriam's Shrew	Sorex merriami	G5	S3		II - II		sagebrush/grasslands
Wolverine	Gulo gulo	G4	S3	USFS, BLM	II - III		conifer forests
Northern Bog Lemming	Synaptomys borealis	G4	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		wetlands
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	G4	S2S3	BLM	II - I		riparian & mixed forest types
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	Blarina brevicauda	G5	S1S3		IV - III	*	wetlands
Pallid Bat	Antrozous pallidus	G5	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		arid land rock outcrops
Preble's Shrew	Sorex preblei	G4	S3	BLM	II - II	!	sagebrush/grasslands
Pygmy Rabbit	Brachylagus idahoensis	G4	S3	USFS, BLM	I - II	*	sagebrush
Spotted Bat	Euderma maculatum	G4	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		arid land rock outcrops
Swift Fox	Vulpes velox	G3	S3	BLM	II - II		grasslands
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	Corynorhinus townsendii	G4	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		caves in forested habitats
Uinta Chipmunk	Tamias umbrinus	G5	S3		II - I		high elevation conifer forests
Western Spotted Skunk	Spilogale gracilis	G5	S1S3		II - I		rock outcrops, shrublands/woodlands
White-tailed Prairie Dog	Cynomys leucurus	G4	S1	USFS, BLM	I - III	*	sagebrush/grasslands
Birds							
Alder Flycatcher	Empidonax alnorum	G5	S1B		II - I	*	wetlands/shrublands
American Bittern	Botaurus lentifinosus	G4	S3		II - I		wetlands

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Birds (continued)							
American White Pelican	Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	G3	S3B		III - III	*	lakes
Baird's Sparrow	Ammodramus bairdii	G4	S2B	BLM	II - III	!	grasslands
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	G5	S3	USFWS - DM	I - III		riparian forest
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	G5	S1		IV - I		sagebrush/grasslands
Black Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte atrata	G4	S2		II - I	!	alpine
Black Swift	Cypseloides niger	G4	S3B		II - I		cliffs/waterfalls
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger	G4	S3B	BLM	I - II		wetlands
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	G5	S2S3B		II - I		deciduous forests
Black-backed Woodpecker	Picoides arcticus	G5	S2	USFS, BLM	I - III		conifer forest burns
Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	G5	S3B		II - I		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	G5	S1B	USFS, BLM	II - I	*	utah juniper
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	G5	S2B		III - III		moist grasslands
Boreal Chickadee	Poecile hudsonica	G5	S1S2		II - II		spruce fir forests
Brewer's Sparrow	Spizella breweri	G5	S2B	BLM	II - III		sagebrush
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Selasphorus platycercus	G5	S1B		II - II	*	montane shrublands/woodlands
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia	G4	S2B	USFS, BLM	I - III		grasslands
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	G5	S2B		II - II	*	large rivers and lakes
Cassin's Finch	Carpodacus cassinii	G5	S3B		II - III		conifer forest
Cassin's Kingbird	Tyrannus vociferans	G5	S2B		II - II		grasslands
Chestnut-collared Longspur	Calcarius ornatus	G5	S3B		III - III	!	grasslands
Clark's Grebe	Aechmophorus clarkii	G5	<u>S3</u>		III - II	*	large lakes
Clark's Nutcracker	Nucifraga columbiana	G5	S3		III - III		conifer forest
Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse	Tympanuchus phasianellus columbianus	G4T3	S1		I - I		grasslands
Common Loon	Gavia immer	G5	S2B	USFS, BLM	I - III		mountain lakes w/ emergent veg.
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	G5	S3B		П - П		large rivers and lakes
Dickcissel	Spiza americana	G5	S1S2B	BLM	П - П		tall grasslands
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	G5	S2B		II - I		prairie woodlands
Ferruginous Hawk	Buteo regalis	G4	<u>S3B</u>	BLM	II - III		sagebrush/grasslands
Flammulated Owl	Otus flammeolus	G4	S3B	USFS, BLM	I - III		conifer forest
Forster's Tern	Sterna forsteri	G5	S2B		II - II		wetlands
Franklin's Gull	Larus pipixcan	G4G5	S3B	BLM	II - II		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Grasshopper Sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum	G5	S3B		II - III		grasslands
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	Leucosticte tephrocotis	G5	S2B, S5N		II - II		alpine
Great Gray Owl	Strix nebulosa	G5	S3	BLM	II - III		conifer forest
Greater Sage-Grouse	Centrocercus urophasianus	G4	<u>S2</u>	USFS, BLM	I - III		sagebrush
Harlequin Duck	Histrionicus histrionicus	G4	S2B	USFS, BLM	I - III		mountain streams

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Birds (continued)	- Colonial Administration				0 10.10.0		1101011011
Lark Bunting	Calamospiza melanocorys	G5	S3B		II - III		sagebrush/grasslands
Least Tern (Interior population)	Sternula antillarum	G4	S1B	USFWS - E	I - III		large prairie rivers
Le Conte's Sparrow	Ammodramus leconteii	G4	<u>S3B</u>	BLM	II - I		prairie wetlands
Lewis's Woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	G4	S2B		II - II		riparian forest
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	G4	S3B	BLM	II - II		shrublands
Long-billed Curlew	Numenius americanus	G5	S2B	BLM	I - II		grasslands
McCown's Longspur	Calcarius mccownii	G4	S2B	BLM	II - III	!	grasslands
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	G2	S2B	BLM	I - III	!	grasslands
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	Ammodramus nelsoni	G5	<u>S3B</u>		I - I	*	prairie wetlands
Northern Hawk Owl	Surnia ulula	G5	S1		III - I	*	conifer forest
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	G4	S3B		I - III		early seral forest/shrub patches
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	G4	S2B	USFWS - DM, USFS, BLM	II - III		cliffs
Pinyon Jay	Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus	G5	S3		II - III		pinyon pine-juniper woodlands
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus	G3	S2B	USFWS - T	I - III		prairie lake and river shorelines
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	G5	S3B		II - II		riparian forest
Sage Sparrow	Amphispiza belli	G5	S1S3B	BLM	III - III		sagebrush
Sage Thrasher	Oreoscoptes montanus	G5	S3B	BLM	III - III		sagebrush
Sedge Wren	Cistothorus platensis	G5	S1B	BLM	I - I	*	prairie wetlands
Sprague's Pipit	Anthus spragueii	G4	S2B	BLM	II - III		grasslands
Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni	G5	S3B	BLM	II - II		sage/grassland w/ woody vegetation
Trumpeter Swan	Cygnus buccinator	G4	S2	BLM	I - III		shallow lakes
Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus occidentalis	G5T3Q	S1S2B	USFWS - C	II - I		riparian forest
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chihi	G5	S1B	BLM	II - I		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
White-tailed Ptarmigan	Lagopus leucurus	G5	S3		II - III		alpine
Whooping Crane	Grus americana	G1	S1M	USFWS - E	I - III		wetlands
Yellow Rail	Coturnicops noveboracensis	G4	S1B	BLM	I - I	*	wetlands
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus (E. pop.)	G5	S3B		II - I		prairie riparian forests
Reptiles							
Greater Short-horned Lizard	Phrynosoma hernandesi	G5	S3	USFS, BLM	II - II		sandy/gravelly soils
Milksnake	Lampropeltis triangulum	G5	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		rock outcrops
Northern Alligator Lizard	Elgaria coerulea	G5	S3		II - I		talus/rock outcrops
Sagebrush Lizard	Sceloporus graciosus	G5	S3		II - II		rock outcrops
Smooth Green Snake	Opheodrys vernalis	G5	S2		I - I	*	wetlands
Snapping Turtle	Chelydra serpentina	G5	S3	BLM	I - I		prairie streams and rivers
Spiny Softshell	Apalone spinifera	G5	S3	BLM	I - I		prairie rivers & larger streams
Western Hognose Snake	Heterodon nasicus	G5	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		floodplain friable soils

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Reptiles (continued)							
Western Skink	Eumeces skiltonianus	G5	S3		II - I		rock outcrops
Amphibians							
Coeur d'Alene Salamander	Plethodon idahoensis	G4	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I	!*	spring/seep, waterfall, fractured rock
Great Plains Toad	Bufo cognatus	G5	S2	USFS, BLM	II - I		wetlands, floodplain pools
Idaho Giant Salamander	Dicamptodon aterrimus	G3	<u>S2</u>	USFS	IV - III	*	mountain streams/moist conifer forest
Northern Leopard Frog	Rana pipiens (Great Plains)	G5	S3	USFS, BLM	I - I		wetlands, floodplain pools
Northern Leopard Frog	Rana pipiens (Intermountain valleys)	G5	S1	USFS, BLM	I - I		wetlands, floodplain pools
Plains Spadefoot	Spea bombifrons	G5	S3	USFS, BLM	II - I		wetlands, floodplain pools
Western Toad	Bufo boreas	G4	S2	USFS, BLM	I - I		wetlands, lakes, floodplain pools
Fish							
Arctic Grayling	Thymallus arcticus	G5	S1		I - III	*	mountain rivers, lakes
Blue Sucker	Cycleptus elongatus	G3G4	S2S3	BLM	I - III		large prairie rivers
Bull Trout	Salvelinus confluentus	G3	S2	USFWS - T	I - III		mountain streams, rivers, lakes
Columbia River Redband Trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri	G5T4	S1	USFS	I - III	*	mountain streams, rivers
Lake Trout (Native)	Salvelinus namaycush	G5	S2		I - I	*	deep mountain lakes
Northern Redbelly X Finescale Dace	Phoxinus eos x Phoxinus neogaeus	HYB	S3	BLM	II - II		small prairie streams
Paddlefish	Polyodon spathula	G4	S1S2	BLM	I - III	*	large prairie rivers
Pallid Sturgeon	Scaphirhynchus albus	<u>G2</u>	S1	USFWS - E	I - II	*	large prairie rivers
Pearl Dace	Margariscus margarita	G5	S2	BLM	I - I	*	small prairie streams
Sauger	Sander canadensis	G5	S2	BLM	I - III		large prairie rivers
Shortnose Gar	Lepisosteus platostomus	G5	S1	BLM	I - I	*	large prairie rivers
Sicklefin Chub	Macrhybopsis meeki	G3	S1	BLM	I - II	*	large prairie rivers
Spoonhead Sculpin	Cottus ricei	G5	S3		II - I	*	mountain streams, rivers, lakes
Sturgeon Chub	Macrhybopsis gelida	G3	S2	USFS, BLM	I - II		large prairie rivers
Torrent Sculpin	Cottus rhotheus	G5	S3		II - I	*	mountain streams
Trout-perch	Percopsis omiscomaycus	G5	S2		I - I		deep lakes, mountain streams
Westslope Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi	G4T3	S2	USFS, BLM	I - III		mountain streams, rivers, lakes
White Sturgeon	Acipenser transmontanus	G4	S1	USFWS - E	I - III	*	large mountain rivers
Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri	G4T2	S2	USFS, BLM	I - III		mountain streams, rivers, lakes

### **Invertebrates**

Mollusks						
A Spring Snail	Pyrgulopsis bedfordensis	G1	S1	-	!*	springs
Alpine Mountainsnail	Oreohelix alpina	G1	S1	-	*	limestone talus, alpine
Berry's Mountainsnail	Oreohelix strigosa berryi	G5T2	S1S2	-	*	limestone talus
Bitterroot Mountainsnail	Oreohelix amariradix	G1G2	S1S2	-	*	talus, dry conifer forests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Mollusks (continued)							
Carinate Mountainsnail	Oreohelix elrodi	G1	S1		-	*	talus, mixed mesic conifer forests
Gallatin Mountainsnail	Oreohelix yavapai mariae	G4T1	S1		-	*	limestone talus
Humped Coin	Polygyrella polygyrella	G3	<u>S1S2</u>		-	*	moist conifer forests
Keeled Mountainsnail	Oreohelix carinifera	G1	S1		-	*	limestone, dry conifer forests
Lake Disc	Discus brunsoni	G1	S1		-	*	talus, mesic conifer forests
Large-mantle Physa	Physa megalochlamys	G3	S1		-	!*	wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Lyre Mantleslug	Udosarx lyrata	G2	S1		-	*	moist conifer forests
Magnum Mantleslug	Magnipelta mycophaga	G3	<u>S2S3</u>		-		moist conifer forests
Marbled Jumping-slug	Hemphillia danielsi	G2G3	<u>S1S2</u>		-	*	mesic/moist conifer forests
Pale Jumping-slug	Hemphillia camelus	G4	<u>S1S2</u>		-	*	mesic/moist conifer forests
Pygmy Slug	Kootenaia burkei	G2	S1S2		-	*	moist conifer forests
Reticulate Taildropper	Prophysaon andersoni	G5	<u>S1S2</u>		-	*	moist conifer forests
Robust Lancetooth	Haplotrema vancouvernese	G5	S1S2		-	*	moist conifer forests
Rocky Mountain Capshell	Acroloxus coloradensis	G3	S1		-	!*	lakes
Rocky Mountain Duskysnail	Colligyrus greggi	G4	S1		-	!*	springs, cold mountain streams
Sheathed Slug	Zacoleus idahoensis	G3G4	S2S3		-		mesic/moist conifer forests
Shortface Lanx	Fisherola nuttalli	G2	<u>SH</u>		-		lakes
Smoky Taildropper	Prophysaon humile	G3	<u>S2S3</u>		-		moist conifer forests
Striate Disc	Discus shimekii	G5	S1		-		aspen
Western Pearlshell	Margaritifera falcata	<u>G4G5</u>	<u>S2</u>		-		mountain streams/rivers
Crustaceans							
Glacier Amphipod	Stygobromus glacialis	G1G3	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
A cave obligate Amphipod	Stygobromus montanensis	G1G2	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
A cave obligate Amphipod	Stygobromus obscurus	G1G2	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
A cave obligate Amphipod	Stygobromus puteanus	G1G2	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
A cave obligate Amphipod	Stygobromus tritus	G1G2	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
A cave obligate Isopod	Salmasellus steganothrix	G2G3	S1S2		-	!*	cave springs
Insects							
Beetles		0.4	0.4			Lab	
Brown's Microcylloepus Riffle Beetle	Microcylloepus browni	G1	S1		-	!*	springs
Warm Spring Zaitzevian Riffle Beetle	Zaitzevia thermae	G1	S1		-	!*	springs
Butterflies							
Alberta Fritillary	Boloria alberta	G3	S2S3		-	*	alpine
Frigga Fritillary	Boloria frigga	G5	S1S2		-		montane wetlands
Gillett's Checkerspot	Euphydryas gillettii	G2G3	S2		-		wet meadows

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Insects (continued)							
Butterflies (continued)							
Gray Comma	Polygonia progne	<u>G4G5</u>	S2		-		parklands
Magdalena Alpine	Erebia magdalena	G5	S2		-	*	alpine
Ottoe Skipper	Hesperia ottoe	G3G4	S2S3		-		grasslands
Caddisflies							
A Caddisfly	Rhyacophila ebria	G2G3	S1		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Caddisfly	Rhyacophila gemona	G2G3	S2		-	!*	forested mountain springs
A Caddisfly	Rhyacophila rickeri	G2G3	S2		-	!*	forested mountain springs
A Rhyacophilan Caddisfly	Rhyacophila glacieri	G3	S1		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Rhyacophilan Caddisfly	Rhyacophila newelli	G2	S2		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Rhyacophilan Caddisfly	Rhyacophila potteri	G1G2	S2		-	!*	forested mountain springs
Alexander's Rhyacophilan Caddisfly	Rhyacophila alexanderi	G2	S2		-	!*	mountain/alpine streams
NRMR Caddisfly <sup>2</sup>	Goereilla baumanni	G2G3	S2		-	!*	forested mountain springs
NRMR Caddisfly <sup>2</sup>	Rossiana montana	G2G3	S2		-	!*	forested mountain springs
Damselflies							
Last Best Place Damselfly	Enallagma optimolocus	G1G3Q	S1S3		-	!*	wetlands
Subarctic Bluet	Coenagrion interrogatum	G5	S1S2		-	*	wetlands
Dragonflies							
Boreal Whiteface	Leucorrhinia borealis	G5	S1		-		wetlands
Brimstone Clubtail	Stylurus intricatus	G4	S1		-		large prairie rivers
Brush-tipped Emerald	Somatochlora walshii	G5	S1S2		-		wetlands
Eastern Ringtail	Erpetogomphus designatus	G5	S1		-	*	large prairie rivers
Subarctic Darner	Aeshna subarctica	G5	S1S2		-		wetlands
Western Pondhawk	Erythemis collocata	G5	S1S2		-		wetlands
Mayflies							
A Mayfly	Anepeorus rusticus	<u>G2</u>	S1		-	!*	large prairie rivers
A Mayfly	Caenis youngi	G4	S2		-		sloughs/backwaters
A Mayfly	Homoeoneuria alleni	G4	S2		-	!*	large prairie rivers
A Mayfly	Lachlania saskatchewanensis	G4	S1		-	!*	large prairie rivers
A Mayfly	Macdunnoa nipawinia	<u>G2G3</u>	S2		-	!*	large prairie rivers
A Mayfly	Raptoheptagenia cruentata	G4	S2		-	!*	large prairie rivers
Lolo Mayfly	Caurinella idahoensis	<u>G3</u>	<u>S2</u>		-	!*	small forested mountain streams
Springtails							
A Springtail	Oncopodura cruciata	G1G2	S1S2		-	*	caves

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NRMR = Northern Rocky Mountain Refugium

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Insects (continued)							
Stoneflies							
A Stonefly	Isocapnia crinita	G4	S2		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Stonefly	Isocapnia integra	G4	S2		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Stonefly	Isoperla petersoni	G5	S2		-	*	alpine mountain streams
A Stonefly	Utacapnia columbiana	G4	S2		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
A Stonefly	Zapada cordillera	G3	S2		-	!*	alpine mountain streams
Clearwater Roachfly	Soliperla salish	G2	S2		-	!*	small forested mountain streams
Meltwater Lednian Stonefly	Lednia tumana	G1	S1		-	!*	alpine streams
Western Glacier Stonefly	Zapada glacier	G2	S1		-	!*	alpine streams
Other - Spiders, Spong	ges, Millipedes						
A cave obligate Harvestman	Cryptobunus cavicolus	G1G2	S1S2		-	*	caves
A Freshwater Sponge	Ephydatia cooperensis	G1G3	S1S3		-	!*	lakes
A Millipede	Adrityla cucullata	G1G3	S1S3		-		dry mixed conifer forest clearings
A Millipede	Austrotyla montani	G1G3	S1S3		-		mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Corypus cochlearis	G1G3	S1S3		-		mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Endopus parvipes	G1G3	S1S3		-		subalpine mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Lophomus laxus	G1G3	S1S3		-		mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Orophe cabinetus	G1G3	S1S3		-		moist mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Orthogmus oculatus	G1G3	S1S3		-		mixed conifer forests
A Millipede	Taiyutyla curvata	G1G3	S1S3		-		moist mixed conifer forests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

## POTENTIAL SPECIES OF CONCERN

Vertebrates		Global	State	Federal	CFWCS	Range	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Status	Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Mammals							
Hayden's Shrew	Sorex haydeni	G4	S3S4		II - II		sagebrush/grasslands
Hoary Marmot	Marmota calagata	G5	S3S4		I - I		alpine/subalpine meadow/rock outcrop
Idaho Pocket Gopher	Thomomys idahoensis	G4	S2S4		II - I	!	sagebrush/grasslands in deep soils
Silver-haired Bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans	G5	S3S4		II - II		riparian and forest habitats
Uinta Ground Squirrel	Spermophilus armatus	G5	S3S4		II - I		subalpine meadows
Wyoming Ground Squirrel	Spermophilus elegans	G5	S3S4		II - I	!	sagebrush/grasslands, rock outcrops
Yuma Myotis	Myotis yumanensis	G5	S3S4		II - II		riparian and mixed forest habitats
Birds							
American Three-toed Woodpecker	Picoides dorsalis	G5	S3S4		II - III		mixed conifer forests
Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	G5	S3S4B		II - II		prairie riparian forests
Black-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus erythropthalmus	G5	S3S4B		II - I		prairie riparian forests
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	G5	S3S4B		III - II		wetlands
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	G5	S3S4B		III - I		human habitation
Common Poorwill	Phalaenoptilus nuttallii	G5	S3S4B		III - I		open conifer woodlands
Eastern Screech-Owl	Megascops asio	G5	S3S4		III - II		prairie riparian forests
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	G5	S4		II - III		Cliffs; prairie and open woodlands
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	G5	S3S4		III - III		riparian woodlands
Horned Grebe	Podiceps auritus	G5	S4		II - II		large lakes
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	G5	<u>\$4</u>	USFS, BLM	II - I		mixed conifer forest
Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	G5	S2S4B		III - II		prairie riparian forests
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	G5	S3S4B		III - III		mixed conifer forests
Plumbeous Vireo	Vireo plumbeus	G5	S3S4B		-		conifer forest and riparian
Rufous Hummingbird	Selasphorus rufus	G5	S4		III - II		open and brushy forests
Short-eared Owl	Asio flammeus	G5	S3S4		III - II		grasslands
Tennessee Warbler	Vermivora peregrina	G5	S2S4B		III - III		mixed conifer forests
Western Screech-Owl	Megascops kennicottii	G5	S3S4		III - III		western riparian forest
Williamson's Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus thyroideus	G5	S3S4B		II - III		mixed conifer forests
Fish							
Brassy Minnow	Hybognathus hankinsoni	G5	SU		III - I		small prairie rivers
Brook Stickleback	Culaea inconstans	G5	SU		III - III		small prairie rivers
Burbot	Lota lota	G5	SU		I - II		large rivers/lakes
Creek Chub	Semotilus atromaculatus	G5	SU		III - II		small prairie rivers
Iowa Darter	Etheostoma exile	G5	SU		III - I		small prairie rivers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

<sup>© 2008</sup> Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

		Global	State	Federal	CFWCS	Range	
Common Name	Scientific Name	Rank	Rank	Status	Status	Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Fish (continued)							
Northern Redbelly Dace	Phoxinus eos	G5	SU		III - II		small prairie rivers
Plains Minnow	Hybognathus placitus	G4	SU		III - I		small & large prairie rivers
Pygmy Whitefish	Prosopium coulteri	G5	SU		III - III	*	lakes

### **Invertebrates**

Mollusks						
Fir Pinwheel	Radiodiscus abietum	G4	<u>S3S4</u>	-		moist conifer forests
Threeridge Valvata	Valvata tricarnata	G5	S2S3	-	*	large coldwater rivers
Insects						
Beetles						
Coppery Tiger Beetle	Cicindela cuprascens	G5	S3	-		sandy beaches
Sandy Tiger Beetle	Cicindela limbata	G5	S3	-		sandy sagbrush/grasslands
Butterflies						
Astarte Fritillary	Boloria astarte	G5	S2S3	-	*	alpine
Colorado Alpine	Erebia callias	G5	S2S3	-	*	alpine
Eyed Brown	Satyrodes eurydice	G4	S2S3	-		wetlands
Freija Fritillary	Boloria freija	G5	S3S5	-		subalpine willows
Giant Sulfur	Colias gigantea	G5	S3	-		montane willows
Indra Swallowtail	Papillo indra	G5	S2S3	-		grasslands/rock outcrops
Labrador Sulfur	Colias nastes	G5	S2S3	-		alpine
Melissa Arctic	Oeneis melissa	G5	S2S3	-		alpine
Mormon Metalmark	Apodemia mormo	G5	S3S5	-		sagebrush/grasslands
Northern Marble	Euchloe creusa	G5	S1S3	-	*	subalpine forest openings
Red-disked Alpine	Erebia discoidalis	G5	S3S5	-		grasslands
Rockslide Checkerspot	Chlosyne whitneyi	G4G5	S3S5	-		alpine
Tawny Crescent	Phyciodes batesii	G4	S2S3	-		grasslands
White Admiral	Limenitis arthemis	G5	S2S3	-		riparian forest
White-veined Arctic	Oeneis bore	G5	S2S3	-	*	alpine
Caddisflies						
An Agapetus Caddisfly	Agapetus montanus	<u>G3</u>	<u>S3</u>	-	!	valley/mountain forested streams
NRMR Caddisfly <sup>2</sup>	Sericostriata surdickae	G2G3	S3	-	!*	small forested mountain streams
Damselflies						
Alkali Bluet	Enallagma clausum	G5	S2S4	-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Arroyo Bluet	Enallagma praevarum	G5	S3S5	-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Emma's Dancer	Argia emma	G5	S3S5	-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier <sup>2</sup> NRMR = Northern Rocky Mountain Refugium

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global Rank	State Rank	Federal Status	CFWCS Status	Range Note <sup>1</sup>	Habitat
Insects (continued)							
Damselflies (continued)							
Familiar Bluet	Enallagma civile	G5	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Paiute Dancer	Argia alberta	G4	S2S3		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Prairie Bluet	Coenagrion angulatum	G5	S1S3		-		small prairie streams/wetlands
Vivid Dancer	Argia vivida	G5	S3S5		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Dragonflies	•						
Black-tipped Darner	Aeshna tuberculifera	G4	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Blue-eyed Darner	Aeshna multicolor	G5	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
California Darner	Aeshna californica	G5	S3S5		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Chalk-fronted Corporal	Ladona julia	G5	S3S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Crimson-ringed Whiteface	Leucorrhinia glacialis	G5	S3		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Flame Skimmer	Libellula saturata	G5	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Horned Clubtail	Arigomphus cornutus	G4	S2S4		-		large prairie rivers
Hudsonian Emerald	Somatochlora hudsonica	G5	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Lake Darner	Aeshna eremita	G5	S3S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Lance-tipped Darner	Aeshna constricta	G5	S1S3		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Mountain Emerald	Somatochlora semicircularis	G5	S3S5		-		wetlands
Ocellated Emerald	Somatochlora minor	G5	S2S4		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Plains Clubtail	Gomphus externus	G5	S2S4		-		large prairie rivers
Pronghorn Clubtail	Gomphus graslinellus	G5	S3S5		-		large prairie rivers
Red-veined Meadowhawk	Sympetrum madidum	G4	S2S3		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Ringed Emerald	Somatochlora albicincta	G5	S1S3		-		wetlands
Sedge Darner	Aeshna juncea	G5	S3S5		-		wetlands
Sinuous Snaketail	Ophiogomphus occidentis	G4	S2S4		-		large cold rivers
Spiny Baskettail	Epitheca spinigera	G5	S3S5		-		wetland/lake w/ emergent vegetation
Zigzag Darner	Aeshna sitchensis	G5	S2S3		-		large prairie rivers
Mayflies							
A Mayfly	Analetris eximia	<u>G3</u>	S3		-		large prairie rivers
NRMR Mayfly <sup>2</sup>	Caudatella edmundsi	<u>G3</u>	S3		-	!	small forested mountain streams
Stoneflies							
NRMR Stonefly <sup>2</sup>	Soyedina potteri	G3	S3		-	!*	small forested mountain streams
Sponges							
A Freshwater Sponge	Heteromeyenia baileyi	G5	S1S3		-		lakes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conservation Tier - Inventory Tier <sup>2</sup> N

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NRMR = Northern Rocky Mountain Refugium

<sup>\* =</sup> Occupies ≤ 5% of Montana, ! = ≥ 20% of global range in Montana

# HABITAT ASSOCIATION SUMMARIES BY ANIMAL GROUP FOR SPECIES OF CONCERN AND POTENTIAL SPECIES OF CONCERN

	Mammals		Birds	
	Sagebrush/Grassland	38%	Sagebrush/Grassland	25%
/	Riparian Forest	16%	Conifer Forest	19%
	Conifer Forest		Wetlands	16%
	Rock Outcrop	11%	Riparian Forest	12%
	Wetlands	11%	Streams/Rivers/Lakes	12%
	Alpine	5%	Other/Generalist	12%
	Other/Generalist	5%	Alpine	4%
\	Caves	3%		/
		I		

Reptiles		Amphibians	
Rock Outcrop	22%	Wetlands	

	Fish	Invertebrates		
	Mountain Streams/Rivers/Lakes44%	Wetlands	30%	
/	Prairie Streams/Rivers/Lakes56%	Streams/Rivers/Lakes	29%	
		Conifer Forest	14%	
		Alpine	7%	
		Caves	6%	
		Rock Outcrop	5%	
		Sagebrush/Grassland	5%	
(		Other/Generalist	3%	
		Riparian Forest	1%	

Montana Natural Heritage Program
P.O. Box 201800
1515 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-1800
(406) 444-3655 Fax (406) 444-0581
mtnhp.org

mtnhp.org bmaxell@mt.gov